

Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 23.

CHILD LIKE AND BLAND—His name was Moses Sparrow. He was very green. That was the idea that came into Miss Page's mind when she looked at her country lady's son. Such a rustic youth, with such fair hair, worn long, such big blue eyes, such sloping shoulders, such a lamb-like expression. And, being there at the farm house, with her he had been sent to spend the summer months, the city belle resolved that she would try her power of fascination upon the boy who struck her as good a subject for flirtation, in which all the fun was to be on her side and all the sentiment on his. And at it she went, beginning with a smile, a look, a word, and relying to see the fish take so readily. She enjoyed herself very much until she grew tired of it; and then she decided on breaking the heart of the boy, and enjoying the crash. So she turned him out to the garden and made him sit beside her on the bench under the wisteria, and said, sadly: "I'm going home to-morrow. I shall send you wedding cards when I am married. I am to be married to a rich old gentleman next winter." Then she waited to see him drop at her feet; but he did not drop. He only said: "Well, I'm real glad! I kinder felt afraid I'd been goin' too far with you. I'm a sort of butterfly, flirrin' from flower to flower you know; and I've flirred with you, I do allow. I was afraid you'd go off into a decline or somethin'—you seemed to set so much on me—if you heered sudden-like that me and Ann Maria was keepin' steady company. Bu, law, seees you're goin' to be married there ain't no harm done! I shouldn't hev told you to draw yourself like other summer boarder did, in the millpond. She had my photograph in her pocket when she was here out." Then he smiled at Miss Page, and she rose and walked away from him with great dignity.

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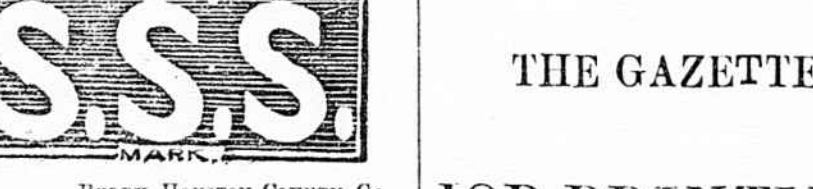
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